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Long Beach Doctor Charged with Sending Lewd Photos to Minor

A Long Beach doctor charged with sending pornographic images to what he allegedly believed was a 16-year-old girl is expected to be arraigned tomorrow, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jonathon Hagar Ellis (dob 11/10/82) faces four felony counts of distributing or showing pornography to a minor and one misdemeanor count of arranging to meet a minor for lewd purposes, according to the complaint filed Feb. 6 in case BA466931. His arraignment is scheduled in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Ellis is accused of initiating contact with an undercover Los Angeles Police Department detective posing online as a 16-year-old girl. The defendant, despite knowing the supposed girl's age, allegedly sent lewd photos and messages and attempted to meet her in person for sexual activities.

Ellis faces up to six years in custody if convicted as charged. Bail was set at \$85,000.

Deputy District Attorney Angela Brunson of the Cyber Crime Division is prosecuting the case.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Detective Support and Vice Division.

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